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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Senator Chilton at Court

Hon. W. E. Chilton, of Charleston, will address the citizens of Pocahontas at the Court House, Tuesday afternoon, October 5. The presence of the new women voter is especially desired. Senator Chilton is one of the finest public speakers in the land.

EDUCATIONAL JOTTINGS

BY COUNTY SUPT. G. D. MCNEIL

On account of some changes made in the regulations relative to emergency and temporary certificates, these regulations are again published.

1 Applicant for any West Virginia license to teach must be eighteen years of age on or before Oct. 1, 1920.
2 Temporary certificates will be issued to applicants who submit certificate showing graduation from first class high school and attendance for six weeks at approved summer school. Any equivalent for above training will be accepted. For example, two years high school, plus two years in seminary, plus one year college work. In such case the one year college work would make attendance at summer school unnecessary. If in doubt as to your eligibility for temporary certificate state your case to County Superintendent. The holding of emergency certificate does not bar the temporary certificate.

3 Emergency certificates, first grade will be issued to applicants with high school diploma plus six weeks summer school as in case of temporary certificate. Emergency, second and third grade may be issued upon graduation from high school without additional work. Having held one emergency bars from holding this certificate.
4 Any one who can engage a school where vacancy exists may take examination for emergency certificate. This examination will be held at Marlinton, Oct. 2, 1920.

Examination is given in six subjects: spelling, reading, history, geography, arithmetic and theory and art. Applicants must be eighteen, and having held emergency certificate bars from examination.

Many requests are in for Elementary Manuals. The supply of these manuals is exhausted and no more will be published until the new State Superintendent is elected and inaugurated. The manual issued in 1918 is the latest. Teachers possessing this issue need not inquire for new manuals.

Prin. C. J. Ramsey remains in charge at Marlinton with Mr. Walker at head of graded school.

Mr. Harr goes to Ronceverte and his place as principal of Levels Dist. High school is taken by Mr. Vance. In the Greenbank High, Mr. N. Phay Taylor takes Mr. Koon's place as principal.

The three high schools have been reorganized and many new teachers employed. Normal Training Departments are maintained in the Levels and Edray District High Schools. Graduation from these departments entitles the student to a first grade certificate good for three years and renewable at the end of that period. The Edray Dist. High, maintains a Business Dept. while the Levels and Greenbank schools emphasize Agriculture.

A West Virginia farmer in an isolated section of the state where there were no good roads, in fact nothing but mountain trails.

His wife was recently committed to one of the state asylums.

In discussing the matter with his physician, the farmer said: "I do not know what made her go insane. She had nothing to bother her. We lived in a quiet place. Why she had not been out of the kitchen for eighteen years."

Paul Johnson, son of Grant Johnson, near Marlinton, dislocated his arm at the elbow, Monday while wrestling.

THE HORROR OF THE WOODS

Following the accounts that have persisted for some months, the ape, baboon, gorilla, wild man, or terror that has been reported at various points has been reported at various points and taken up his habitation in the dismal fastnesses of Black Mountain and there is something approaching a panic in that part of the county; to say nothing of the fearsome thing appealing strongly to the imagination of every school child in this city. Those who wander through the beautiful woods surrounding this town are not wholly at ease by reason of the reports that come in.

We have made some investigation and we hear that a hunter saw the beast some weeks ago in a blackberry patch on Black Mountain near the mouth of Day's Run. He makes no mystery about it, and says that it is no more and no less than some ape-like animal escaped from a show and that it has been hanging around the bountiful berry patches of Williams River for food. He does not seem to have been particularly afraid of it, and succeeded in finding its nest and he said that the beast had collected a lot of railway spikes from the old abandoned railroad of the Campbell Lumber Company.

This carries out the theory of a half tame gorilla.

The next clear sight of the animal was by a woman who lives near the mouth of Day's Run and she had a bad scare. She was some distance from her house and the thing pursued her. She ran home and slammed the door in its face and called on two watch dogs to drive the brute off. The animal waited till the dogs came up and seized and choked them to death one after the other in a few moments.

Repeated calls have come from that section for the State Police to come and capture or kill it. The appeal has even reached Elkins, the headquarters of the force stationed in this part of the State. The local force is preparing to go to the mouth of Days Run to investigate the matter one day this week.

PRICE HILL ROAD

Advantages of Having the Road on The Price Hill Fixed.

The people of Pocahontas County realize that there are great sums of money being paid out on the roads. This is a good thing, for if there is anything that helps to make a good community it is good roads. It would be a good idea to fix up the worst road first, and the Price Hill is sure one of the worst.

The road on this hill is traveled as much and maybe more than any other road in the county, and if this road could be fixed it would be a great advantage.

1. It would enable farmers to bring their produce to and from Marlinton more easily, for they could haul more, and maybe this would help in bringing down the high prices of farm products.

2. It would be of advantage to the school children.

3. It will not cost near so much to fix it now as it will if it is left as it is, for each day it is getting worse. This can be noticed after a rain. As you go up the hill you notice slides which have filled up the side ditches, thus causing the water to run across the road leaving deep gutters. People who drive cars over this piece of road know that there are only a few places where cars can pass without danger of going over the hill.

A Student of the Junior Class.

Newton Lockridge spent Sunday with friends at Cass.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Lewisburg District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in annual session at White Sulphur Springs, September 20, 21 and 22. Rev. H. I. Stephens, presiding elder of the district, presided over each of the seven sessions of the body.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. L. B. Bobbitt, of Lewisburg. Devotional services preceding the business sessions were conducted by Revs. Oscar W. Lusty, of Covington; Geo. H. Echols, of Hillsboro, and Elmer C. Sloane, of Minnehaha Springs. Dr. Clovis C. Chappell, of Washington, D. C., preached four inspiring sermons on Personal Evangelism.

All the services of the Conference were well attended and a deep interest taken. The various reports showed the church in a healthy condition spiritually and financially. There has been over 600 conversions and additions in the last six months, while last year's record shows 1705 additions to the churches in the district. In finance the district holds second place in payment of Centenary pledges in quota. Salaries of pastors have been raised \$6,000 this year. The average salary being about \$1200.

Several important resolutions were adopted. The committee on temperance presented the strongest report ever adopted.

At the close of conference the Presiding Elder was granted a vacation of three weeks and a purse of about \$250 presented him.

White Sulphur Springs entertained in a royal manner and all felt that this was one of the best conferences ever held. The next session will be held in Covington.

Substance of report of committee on Temperance, Lewisburg District Conference, M. E. Church, South, White Sulphur Springs, Sept. 21, 1920: Dear Brethren:

We your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We rejoice in the fruits of prohibition everywhere apparent. Crime is on the decrease and bank deposits on the increase. Ignorance, sloth and filth are giving place to education, industry and cleanliness. Tears and sorrows are being succeeded by smiles and love. Underfed, ragged children with the marks of abuse, and furrow lined mother's faces are disappearing and in their place we see healthy well nourished happy children and the roses reappearing on mother's cheeks. But while we rejoice we must also watch and pray "for there is yet much land to be taken" for while the open saloon with its train of sorrows has passed the moonshiner and bootlegger, those insidious foes of humanity, are with us in increasing numbers, and it behooves us as God's people to be ever alert, remembering that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

We exhort our people everywhere that they give every possible aid to so all officers of the law and other agencies endeavoring to stamp out this monster evil by the giving of testimony or in any way they can. The time has come to be "instant in and out of season." "To cry aloud and spare not." And we deplore the fact that in many places the citizens and to called Christians handicap the officers of the law and make enforcement of the law impossible by failing to give the evidence they possess.

Realizing that the woman vote will be the determining factor in the coming election, and that the forces of evil will rally to their support every woman of questionable character, we expect our good women to assume their obligation and cast their ballot.

We exhort our people everywhere to enquire carefully into the record and platform of every candidate for public office and vote only for those who are openly and avowedly friends of prohibition.

East Bank High School Foot Ball team will play Edray District High School team at Marlinton on Saturday, October 2, at 2:30 p. m. Eastbank is near Charleston and has a team about equal to Marlinton, and the game promises to be a close and interesting one. Eastbank had about the same experience with the Charleston High last Saturday that the Marlinton team had with Wheeling on the same date.

The road above West Union leading to Laurel Creek is in a most wretched condition, owing to lack of proper drainage during a wet season and heavy hauling from the sawmills in that section. Something should be done to this road as it is the only outlet to the populous section at the head of Stony Creek and on Laurel Creek and Williams River. General upkeep of road in the Edray district has been neglected more than in any other section of the county during the past year or two. Unless something is done in the short time remaining before winter, deterioration and travel conditions will be worse than ever before.

You may hang up large illuminated signs around the hole in the ice, warning the public of imminent danger; but the young fellows would skate right up to the hole to see for themselves if it's all it's cracked up to be; and then we have the trouble and annoyance of fishing them out and standing them on their heads for the water to run out of them.—Walt Mason.

Honor Roll first month Laurel Hill School, Bessie Workman, teacher—Clarence Cochran, Benny Workman, Johnny Cochran, Ralph Taylor, Daisy Cochran, Lottie Taylor, Dolly Cochran, Mary Cochran.

THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

"If the adjournment is taken in June, the Republican party will have to go into the Presidential campaign confronted by the necessity of dodging or apologizing for the sorriest record ever made by Congress in recent years."—Washington Post.

The Washington Post is anti-administration and is supporting Harding.

"The Senate has reached the nadir of its popularity."—New York Times

"Congress stands at the lowest ebb of constructive ability ever known."—Searchlight.

"The present Congress has failed us in intelligent comprehension of every great question affecting the lives and the welfare of our people. It has failed with completeness and abandon."—Samuel Gompers.

"That Congress had not only wasted weeks of precious time while the world has waited for such relief as only American legislators could afford, and has displayed a degree of willfulness and selfishness which has astonished and embarrassed the nation, seems beyond question."—Christian Science Monitor.

And it is to the majority leaders of the Senate of this Congress that Harding proposes to turn the Presidency over.

I believe that a normal human being needs relaxation and pleasure to keep him from strained nerves and a temper of fanatical insanity. I believe that the New Social State, what ever it may be, will not endure, nor be worth preserving, unless it has room in it for simple joy, and pure fun, and uncommercial play, and free, happy, wholesome recreation.—Henry Van Dyke.

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